

FISCAL NOTE

SB 85 - HB 1722

March 29, 2007

SUMMARY OF BILL: Increases the fine for a DUI conviction by \$250. Half of such increase would be earmarked to local governments for the purposes of additional law enforcement officers or the construction or maintenance of jail facilities. The other half would be earmarked within the state general fund for the construction or expansion of prisons.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

**Increase State Revenues - \$1,365,000 Earmarked for Building
or Expanding Prisons**

Increase State Expenditures – Not Significant

Increase Local Govt. Revenues - \$1,502,000

Increase Local Govt. Expenditures – Not Significant

Assumptions:

- Approximately 26,000 DUI arrest annually in Tennessee.
- A 60% conviction rate for DUI's.
- A 70% collection rate for fines associated with DUI's.
- A \$250 fine increase with \$125 to the state and \$125 to local governments.
- The increase in state revenues is:
 $26,000 \times 60\% \times 70\% \times \$125 = \$1,365,000$
- The increase in local government revenues attributable to fines is also \$1,365,000.
- Local governments charge a \$12.50 administrative fee for each fine. Therefore they would also receive an increase in revenues attributable to this source.
 $26,000 \times 60\% \times 70\% \times \$12.50 = \$136,500$
- The total increase in local government revenues is:
 $\$1,365,000 + \$136,500 = \$1,501,500$
- Any increase in state and local government expenditures for the administrative cost to implement such changes is estimated to be not significant.

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "James W. White". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "J" and a distinct "W".

James W. White, Executive Director